



**SUMMARY OF MEETING MINUTES
CHESTERFIELD CITIZENS ENVIRONMENTAL
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Conference Room 102-103

Thursday, June 26, 2025

6:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER at 6PM

II. ATTENDANCE: Kari Johnson, City liaison, Wayne Dunker, Parks Director, Jeanne Tevlin, Chair, Ward IV, Laura Houck, Secretary, Ward III, Darcy Capstick, Emeritus, Donna Pecherski, Ward II, Rob Kilo, Vice Chair, Ward IV, Bessie Thrasher, Ward II, Vaishali Soneta, Ward IV, Marvin Clark, Ward II, Su Ghosh, Ward III Guests: Sue Tocco, Council Person Ward II, Mary Ann Mastorakas, Council Person, Ward II, Merrill Hanson, Council Person Ward IV and Mayor Dan Hurt

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY

- A. Approval of 2025-05-22 meeting results Additions and changes proposed by Rob Kilo to add Sams as potential partner along with SSM and Walgreens. A motion was made by Bessie Thrasher to accept the proposed changes. It was seconded by Vaishali Soneta.

IV. COMMITTEE RECAPS/FOLLOW UPS

- A. National Wildlife Federation Announcement: We are celebrating our 20th anniversary as certified with the NWF. This certificate is displayed in the lobby of the City Government Center. Darcy suggested giving a copy of this certificate to the Mayor, the Parks Director and Chris Hartley. Jeanne Tevlin would like to present this certificate at a city council meeting and invite Chris Hartley. Pat Tocco suggested to highlight this in an article in the Chesterfield Citizen. Su Ghosh will write an article.
- B. NWF network wide zoom meeting: June 9 - Rob Kilo was on the NWF zoom meeting. There were two new certified communities and eight new registered. Mayor's Monarch Pledge is in its 10th yr. Mayor Francis Slay was the first to apply for certification. Check NWF for tool kits.
- C. Our quarterly focuses (Aug, Sept, Oct): REDUCE, native tree, birds We will focus on pollinators or nature with everything for the quarter. Donna Pecherski will come up with graphics. This is due to Kari by July 11.
- D. Educational / Marketing
 - a. Monthly educational posts begin in August. Native trees - As far as the street trees that have about 20 trees, CCEAC will choose more than 10 and less than 20 with focus on native trees. We need to add ornamental trees. The company that has been getting rid of the honeysuckle around Central Park will cut the stumps of

the bushes that have regrown and retreat. This will be approved by our horticulturist and by Kari Johnson in the Parks Dept. In the future, there will be a QR code that will take you to the city's website.

- b. New publication on native trees-September will focus on native trees.
- c. Sandwich board with information for the park. A suggestion was trash talk to focus on "reduce".
- d. Neighborhood websites, trustees-It was suggested to use social media, Facebook, and Instagram to get the information out.
- e. Information bundle-Standard flyers to hand out at events
What/Where flyer and on the back have hazardous waste disposal and flyers from Republic about recycling on one side and Trex on the other side
Our CCEAC brochure

V. UPDATE ON EVENTS AND DEADLINES

A. Citizen article due July 7. Topic choice: Benefits of Native Trees or Ways to Reduce-The article will be about recycling: make it cool again written by Jeanne Tevlin

B. August 9: Saturday - Back to School Bash/1 Mile Fun Run with a Cop-There will be two games: one will be a bean bag toss game focusing on reduce and ways kids can reduce at school. The other game will be visual with examples of bringing own water bottle instead of using plastic bottles and bringing your own lunch box to school. Reusable snack bag giveaway- Jeanne Tevlin will check on this.

C. October 4: Saturday - Trucks and Treats: We have trucks leftover from last year. Candy also will be given away. Suggestions were to tie bugs to "reduce" with leafcutter ants and dung beetles. It was suggested to contact Chris Hartley

D. October 9: Thursday - Senior Sampler: Trunk or Treat-Candy will be given out and we will use the containers to show if they can be recycled or not.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS (2 minutes per person)

A. Committee comments/ ideas.

B. Staff updates - Kari will send out an Eblast thanking the citizens of Chesterfield for supporting our successful recycling event.

Su Ghosh spoke about targeting kids on other committees to teach. This needs to be scheduled in advance.

Kari spoke about the ribbon cutting ceremony that happened earlier in the day for the new playground at Central Park.

Honeysuckle removal update: Due to all the rain, the honeysuckle stumps have started growing again. The company was notified and will return and retreat. It was proposed to start the stewardship program early. In 2026 native seeds and trees will be planted.

The Maura event was very well attended. This had to do with the statues shadow and the summer solstice. The shadow fell perfectly on the marble base.

VII.ADJOURNMENT – 7:25 PM

Next meeting Thursday July 24, 2025

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